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Entered at the Live Oak Postoffice as
second-class matter.Be a Booster for your town and
county.Live Oak has been made a division
point on the Seaboard. Things keep
coming Live Oak's way.By the time the editor of the Demo-
crat gets able to own an automobile
they will have gone out of style and fly-
ing machines will be all the "go." Its
mighty hard for a country editor to
keep up with the procession these days.There is considerable talk of a base-
ball league next year composed of Live
Oak, Lake City, Gainesville and other
towns. The promoters might as well
count Perry in right now. Few things
advisable a town like a good ball team,
especially a league team, and Perry can
put up the stuff and be "it" if the
league materializes.—Perry Herald.According to figures furnished The
Florida Fruit and Produce News by the
transportation companies, the total
number of boxes of citrus fruit shipped
from the State up to June 1, 1909, was
slightly in excess of 5,000,000 boxes.
The crop of the coming season will
doubtless be considerably larger than
that of last season.—Punta Gorda Her-
ald.If the business men who own farm
lands would encourage the cultivation
of the varieties of crops to which our
soils are adapted, and in an intelligent
and aggressive manner encourage the
establishment of manufacturing indus-
tries here that would give employment
to more people, there would be no
"dull season" to eat up the profits of
the "good season" that does not last
long enough.—Malden (Mo.) News.It is said that E. B. Hale, a negro of
Webster Grove, St. Louis county, Mo.,
has organized a company with \$1,500,-
000 capital for the purpose of coloniz-
ing the negroes in Southwest Missouri.
He has in view the colonization of 200,-
000 negroes to be self supporting and
independent of the white race. The
culmination of this plan is like the
balmy dreams of Rip Vanwinkle—if he
had a dream.The Missouri Supreme Court last
week decided the case brought against
the St. Louis Republic by Glover Branch
for libel, in favor of the Republic. All
three of the Judges in Division No. 2
concurred. Judge Gantt handed down
the opinion. Freedom of speech and
press was sustained. Criticism of offi-
cers, in their acts that effect the pub-
lic, is not libel. The people have a
right to discuss questions of public in-
terest.The Tampa Times says a man can
keep his own premises neat, tidy and
sanitary, and not only be repaid in
health of his family, but his example
may inspire his neighbors to do like-
wise. He can build sidewalks and beau-
tify the space fronting his home. He
can clean up that section of the street
—to the middle of the road—and keep
his ditches in shape to carry off surface
water. There is no law against daily
sweeping off the sidewalks fronting his
store and having the rubbish carted
away in his delivery wagons. He can
clean up the alleys in the rear or his
home or store, and nobody will object.
He can observe all the city ordinances
first, and then have a right to talk
about his neighbor who violates them.
In his off time he can study the needs
of his city and when election day comes
around cast his vote and his influence
for men who are qualified to fill the
offices for which they are candidates,
regardless of whether they are party
men—or no party men—or whether they
are Bill, Tom or Jack; and the fact that
they are good fellows and "mixers"
need not overbalance all his better
judgment. If he will attend to his
share in shaping the course of affairs
there will be less to find fault with.
The one man is every man.

FRANK CLARK.

A few editors delight in criticising
Congressman Frank Clark's position on
the tariff, and never miss an opportu-
nity to republish matter which they
consider detrimental to his political in-
terests.Mr. Clark's position on the tariff was
well-known before he was elected to
Congress for the first term, as he pro-
claimed it from the stump in every
county in the district as well as in
printed matter mailed to every voter.
He is for a tariff for revenue only, but
as long as revenue has to be raised by
a duty on foreign products imported
into this country, he believes, and justly
so, that Florida-grown cotton, fruits,
vegetables, tobacco, etc., should receive
the benefit of a protective tariff on
such articles imported into this country.
A tariff on cotton imported into the
United States would be worth millions
to the growers of Sea Island cotton in
Georgia and Florida in the same pro-
portion as it has been beneficial to other
sections of the country on other pro-
ducts. The manufacturer of cotton
goods in this country is protected
against competition from the same goods
manufactured in England, but the pro-
ducer of the staple from which these
goods are manufactured has to grow
the cotton in competition with the pa-
per labor of Egypt, India and other
foreign countries. Is there any justice
in this, when iron ore, etc., is given
the benefit of protection against for-
eign competition?The corn, wheat, barley, oats, wool,
animals, and everything produced in the
West, is protected by the tariff, but
the producer of cotton has to labor in
competition with the peons of India and
Egypt. There is no justice in such a
discriminating tariff, and Mr. Clark is
to be commended for his efforts in be-
half of his constituents. He has lab-
ored faithfully to better the conditions
of his people, especially the farmers,
and the opposition to him emanates
from personal as well as political en-
emies.But Frank Clark is equal to the pres-
ent emergency, and the man who op-
poses him for re-election in the primaries
of 1910 will find that Clark has the peo-
ple back of him.Not to return Frank Clark to Congress
under the present circumstances would
be an acknowledgement on the part of
the people that they do not appreciate
the efforts of a faithful public servant
to better their condition.—Gainesville
Sun.

FACTS AND FICTION.

"Just at the present time more peo-
ple are looking toward Florida with a
view of making it their home than ever
before. This is because of the errone-
ous impressions of the state are giving
place to a more accurate understanding
of the real conditions that exist. Fact
is taking place of fiction, and if we can
once get the truth spread abroad in a
convincing way, Florida will fill up
with good people, and our state will be
full of happy homes of people who daily
will make large and substantial contri-
butions to Florida's material wealth
and prosperity."—Homeseeker.Facts will cause more people to look
this way than fiction. The fictions told
about Florida may attract attention
and astonish, yes may even secure visi-
tors, but fiction never made a perma-
nent settler for the state, and it is a
dangerous and damaging proposition to
hold out.Facts are good enough for any body,
and if the inducements held forth are
confine to the actual truth, there will
be very few disappointed people among
those who come to try our state.Besides this, any who may come in
response to fairy tales, will influence
thousands against us, whilst those who
are induced to come by truthful repre-
sentations, will be the means of bring-
ing many others.The man or firm who deals in "Flori-
da Fiction" for speculative purpose,
should be condemned, whilst the honest
man should be encouraged. The first
named is a detriment to any commu-
nity, but the least said is a valuable
asset.—Orlando Reporter-Star.The county commissioners of Sumter
county have decided to expend the sum
of \$30,000 in building a new court
house, the old one having burned some
months ago.Two houses adjoining the Cosmopolitan
hotel, Tampa, were burned Friday
morning. The hotel was not damaged
to any extent.J. C. Failes has been sentenced by
the court, sitting at West Palm Beach,
to the penitentiary for life for the mur-
der of J. C. Hutto at Fulford several
months ago.

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